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Bexar Audubon Society
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Citizens for the Protection of Cibolo Creek
Environment Texas
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Friends of Canyon Lake
Friends of Dry Comal Creek
Friends of Government Canyon
Fuerza Unida
Green Party of Austin
Headwaters at Incarnate Word
Hays Community Action Network
Helotes Heritage Association
Helotes Nature Center
Hill Country Planning Association
Green Society of UTSA
Guadalupe River Road Alliance
Guardians of Lick Creek
Kendall County Well Owners Association
Kinney County Ground Zero
Leon Springs Business Association
Medina County Environmental Action Association
Native Plant Society of Texas – SA
Northwest Interstate Coalition of Neighborhoods
Preserve Castroville
Preserve Lake Dunlop Association
San Antonio Audubon Society
San Antonio Conservation Society
San Geronimo Nature Center
San Geronimo Valley Alliance
San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
San Marcos River Foundation
Save Barton Creek Association
Save Our Springs Alliance
Scenic Loop/Boerne Stage Alliance
Securing a Future Environment
SEED Coalition
Solar San Antonio
Sisters of the Divine Providence
Travis County Green Party
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CC: Shannon Houston

Re: H.B. 4122 Sent via e-mail


Dear Chairman Larson and Members of the House Natural Resources Committee,

Please accept this letter in opposition to H.B. 4122 on behalf of the fifty-two member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA). This bill, relating to the transference of certain territory from one groundwater conservation district to another, would undermine groundwater regulation and benefit one large landowner who may be seeking to market a large volume of water from the Trinity Aquifer in the Texas Hill Country.

This bill is bad public policy, allowing a landowner to choose what groundwater district they want to be under and interfering with the ability of groundwater districts with power to manage groundwater to be able to have jurisdiction over potential large water marketers. There are already provisions in state law to allow property straddling district boundaries to come under just one district's authority but those provisions allow districts to come to agreement about that. This bill would give the landowner the right to make that choice and then force the groundwater districts to acquiesce.

GEAA opposes both the original HB 4122 and CSHB 4122.

Sincerely,



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